Implosion of Geneva Towers Marks Revitalization of Valley

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Twin Buildings Were Reduced to Concrete Rubble

A banner for Aman Environmental visible from Schwerin Street was still in place atop the remains of the north building (top) and served as an epitaph for the May 16 implosion of Geneva Towers. Looking from Sunnydale Avenue (middle) near the parking garage, the collapsed east tower still rose to a considerable height. Workers now access the site (bottom) from the west through a gate on Garrison Avenue.

For more than 30 years, residents of Visitacion Valley were accustomed to the presence of Geneva Towers shadowing their homes and obliterating a spectacular view of the San Bruno Mountains.

Without a doubt, many had probably wished, at one time or another, that the twin 20-story buildings located at Sunnydale Avenue and Schwerin Street would be dealt the fate which they finally met shortly after 2:30 p.m. on May 16.

But to some, Geneva Towers had been home, with neighbors living together and remembering times much more cheerful than the negative publicity given the complex in the last two decades.

Some gathered at the site on an evening two days before the implosion to recall those memories and pay tribute to those no longer a part of the community.

Twisted wreckage left by the demolition presented an eerie sight later that day to most who thought the buildings would always be there. Two sections of several stories from each building now angled to about 50 feet, eventually to be further broken down and removed in the following two months.

For residents living adjacent to the former buildings, the once swirling wind and darkness at midday have now been replaced by warm air and sunlight. They would soon have to be content that any traces of two huge skyscrapers having once been in their midst would now be relegated to photographs and memories.

And so the most anticipated day in recent neighborhood history finally arrived--May 16, 1998, 2:30 p.m.--end of an important chapter in the story of Visitacion Valley. Both Geneva Towers, having resided side-by-side, out-of-place in a landscape of low-rise housing for more than three decades, would soon be imploded.

Residents having attended informational meetings organized by Imtech Communication had seen dozens of buildings imploded on video provided by Controlled Demolition, Inc., eventually subcontracted by Aman Environmental Construction, Inc. to make shorter work of the buildings' removal. Most left convinced that implosion was the best way to quickly remove the concrete giants to make way for modern low-rise homes and reestablish vitality in a neighborhood that had become economically stagnant.

At 12 noon, only the cheerful sounds of Visitacion Valley's *Neighborhood Day* at the Elementary School were noticeable during a peaceful sunny Saturday. Just a mile away, the San Francisco Giants were taking batting practice at 3Comm Park, ready to do battle with the New York Mets. Streets had already been barricaded at a radius of one block around the demolition site.

And then the world rushed in. Cars began parking, photographers and cameramen began selecting ideal spots, and helicopters hovered overheard.

At 2:30 p.m., all eyes were focused on both Geneva Towers, now reduced to shells. For several very long minutes there was silence. A young child had escaped a parent and wandered dangerously close to the complex. Yells from spectators came from the hills demanding the impending sentence.

Finally, a long siren sounded, soon followed by several loud explosions. A few seconds later, both buildings sank towards the ground like accordions. A large cloud of dust rose above the area, floated northeast, and dissipated as a collective cheer echoed throughout the Valley.

Both Art Agnos of HUD and Representative Nancy Pelosi joined guests in the yard at Visitacion Valley Middle School, where the school band provided music during pre-implosion festivities. Speeches and song were over in plenty of time to allow those present to climb to higher ground for better viewing.

Almost 3,000 ballots showed the community's preference of demolition by implosion with 2,589 in favor of implosion, 216 in favor of a wrecking ball method and 48 who were either undecided or simply wanted the twin 20-story towers taken down by any means available. Cost estimates of the two demolition methods suggest the wrecking ball approach would have cost $1 million more than implosion and would have taken six to eight months. Meanwhile, asbestos clean-up and other safety work continued on the Towers beneath white tarps.

When constructed in 1966, Geneva Towers was designed as housing for smaller working class families employed in businesses in the southern part of San Francisco and northern part of San Mateo County, including San Francisco Airport. But when the complex failed to attract enough residents, its owners turned toward federal subsidy.

By 1976, Geneva Towers had received full Project Based Section 8 funding with many residents being very low income, larger families and nearly half of them youth. But its owners continued to neglect the buildings' maintenance needs and ignored HUD's repeated warnings to improve health and safety conditions. Power outages, one for 36 hours, occurred in October, 1986 as a lack of management attention and proper security allowed drug related activities to flourish in both buildings.

HUD finally had the property freed from bankruptcy proceedings and foreclosed in 1991, improved security, made improvements to occupied apartments, and removed a large amount of trash in just a few days. Geneva Towers drew national attention three years later when broadcast a segment about the complex on a news show.

In 1995, HUD and the City and County of San Francisco signed a Memorandum of Understanding committing $74 million in federal and local resources to fulfill goals established by community leaders.

When the new housing to be called *Heritage Homes* is complete, qualified former Geneva Terrace residents will be given the first opportunity to move back. All 269 Towers families who had honored their leases were successfully relocated to new homes after the buildings were closed in October 1995, with 82 percent remaining in San Francisco.

Children's Shop Opens in Valley

Visitacion Valley resident Michelle Falley helps a customer make a selection at Precious Bundles, her new children's clothing shop located at 91 Leland Ave.

Visitacion Valley's newest business just happens to be a clothing store for the neighborhood's youngest residents.

"It was always a dream of mine to have my own shop," explained Michelle Falley, owner of *Precious Bundles*, a children's new & gently worn clothing store located at 91 Leland Ave. near Alpha Street. Featured are a variety of clothes and shoes for boys and girls, newborn and up, along with child car seats and toys.

A Valley native who attended both Visitacion Valley Elementary and Wilson High School, she credits supportive efforts of parents Ann and Roosevelt along with husband Frank Bolmer in helping her commence the business last month.

Reminiscing life on a street where she grew up, Falley explained, "I've always liked it here. Your home is where your business should be."

Precious Bundles can be reached at 337-8776, and is open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, and Saturdays (except the last of each month) until 5 p.m.

Grapevine Mailbox

Requested for Funding Recommendation of Little Hollywood Park

Following is a letter sent May 19 by the Little Hollywood Committee to Joel Robinson, acting general manager of the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department

Dear Mr Robinson

Our committee would appreciate your personal and your department's recommendation for the $25,000 for the Little Hollywood Playground renovation Our committee surveyed the playground using the Consumer Federation of America's check list The shortcomings were

1) Circular Slide - There was a 4-inch opening at the top of the slide, adjacent to the hand rail The bottom edge of the protector bead has a sharp protrusion between the two bottom sections of the slide The vertical support pipe is missing the top end cap. The slide body is badly corroded. One edge of the slide has only a 4-1/2 foot tall zone

2) Tallest Straight Slide - The upper platform has two vertical guard rail boards missing The vertical pipe ladder to the upper platform has a 5-1/2 inch opening between the pipe and platform Between a step and the platform, there is a 4-3/4 inch opening. The fall zone between the lower platform and the slide is less than six feet.

3) All Straight Sides - The hand rails/grab bars have a six inch opening.

4) All Wooden Horizontal Platforms -These are badly cracked and splintered.

5) All Step Poles - These have cracks and splits which can catch small fingers.

6) The Small/Wide Straight Slide - This slide does not have a six foot fall zone on 2 sides

7) Swing Rings - One of the rings and chain is missing

8) The Older Children Swing Set - This set is not supported in the center The horizontal clearance between swings may not be sufficient if the required center support pole is added

The residents of Little Hollywood say thanks for all the work that has been done to maintain our community park.

Thank you for your time,
Ralph Oroquita
Little Hollywood Committee

Joel Robinson responded on May 26.

Dear Mr. Oroquita.

Thank you for your comprehensive review of playground conditions at Little Hollywood Park

While the appropriation of $25,000 was not approved for Fiscal Year 1998-99, I can assure you that the Department will present your request to the Open Space Committee for consideration for Fiscal Year 1999-2000 deliberations which are scheduled to get underway in September 1998 However, in reading through your observations, I noted that many of the deficiencies may be corrected by maintenance. Your evaluation of the play area will be forwarded to our Department of Structural Maintenance which will examine the play area for its deficiencies and proceed to correct those that fall under their purview

Some of your observations pertain to the latest Consumer Product Safety Guidelines. Adherence to the guidelines is applied in the redesign of new play areas. Existing play areas generally meet the standards that were in place at the time the play area was constructed Because the guidelines are continually changing, it is impossible for all our facilities to meet the most current guidelines at any one time.

Thank you for the time you have taken to evaluate the Little Hollywood Park.

Very truly yours,
Joel Robinson
Acting General Manager
S.F. Recreation and Park Dept

Supervisor Yee Initiates Action Aimed at Increasing Children's Mental Health Services

by Leland Y. Yee, Ph.D.
San Francisco Board of Supervisors

As I progress through the heart of my second year in office, I am continuing to address the main issue on my legislative agenda, healthy children. Recently, I introduced two resolutions at the San Francisco Board of Supervisors which will significantly help children receive mental health services.

Last month, I convened a public hearing of the Board of Supervisors on the status of San Francisco's children's mental health system My goal for this shearing was fairly simple to identify how many of our children and youth are not getting the services they need, and identify ways of better utilizing the finite amount of resources that are available.

The hearing highlighted areas where the City is making significant progress, as well as, those areas where we need to do more. The evidence presented at the hearing showed that the various agencies responsible for the mental health of our children have improved their coordination of services, hut there is still a way to go. I feel strongly that interagency cooperation is key to improving the delivery of children's mental health services.

The evidence presented at the hearing also made it abundantly clear that we lack the over all resources to provide the level of prevention and early intervention activities the children and youth of San Francisco need. The Department of Mental Health presented alternative fiscal strategies which would help to secure currently unrealized sources of funding for prevention and early intervention services.

Based upon what was learned at my hearing, I have decided to introduce two resolutions to the Board of Supervisors which, if adopted, would fund an increase in the amount of mental health services we provide to children

REVENUE MAXIMIZATION

Currently, there are a number of City agencies that spend money on children's mental health services. The opportunity exists for this money to be matched by federal and state dollars, thus, increasing the total amount of dollars for kids My first resolution encourages City agencies to seek state and federal matching funds for children's mental health services Specifically, this resolution urges those departments that allocate general fund money to children's services to blend a portion of this money to leverage additional federal Medi-Cal dollars. This will help City agencies seize considerable opportunities to maximize our local dollars and bring more money into our local system of children's services These additional monies could be used to fund prevention and early intervention services, again saving the City money in the long run. This resolution was adopted by the Board of Supervisors on April 6, 1998. An interdepartmental fiscal strategy committee is currently developing a plan to put the necessary systems in place.

CHILDREN'S SPECIAL USE FUND: RE-INVESTMENT OF SAVINGS

the children's mental health system has been more and more successful in keeping kids out of inpatient hospitals be addressing problems in an intensive, comprehensive manner This saves money because we don't have to expand the enormous amount of money required for hospitalization. I believe that some of this savings should be reinvested in children's services and currently there is no mechanism to do this. My second resolution solves this by urging the creation of a special fund for children's services. By establishing a special fund, the money we save through the use of intensive and high-cost metal health services can be deposited in the special fund and reinvested into prevention and early intervention programs. In turn, these preventive measures will also save the City money in the long run. I have requested that this resolution be considered by the Board of Supervisor's Finance Committee on May 20th, after which it will be forwarded to the full Board of Supervisors for approval.

If we believe children are our future, then we must ensure their physical and mental well being. Children's issues have, and will continue to be, a priority during my tenure on the Board of Supervisors. These two resolutions are the latest in my efforts to help the children. I believe my common sense approach to children's services will aid substantially in addressing the current unmet metal health needs of our children, without using additional resources.

Teen Reading Program

Are you interested in the paranormal? The supernatural? Or just interested in reading a great story? If you are between the ages of 14 and 18, or entering high school in the fall, you can join the *S.F. Files*, this summer's teen summer reading program being offered at 11 San Francisco public libraries.

S.F. Files: The Truth is In Here runs from June 6 to July 18, and all you have to do is visit a participating San Francisco public library and sign up You will be given a sheet with suggested activities ranging from *Visit the X Files Web Site* to *Go to Twin Peaks and Tell Us What You See* to *Name Three Movies with UFOs or Other Unexplained Phenomenon*. As you complete activities and read books (there is a suggested booklist, but you can read anything you want), you will become eligible for prizes: books, gift certificates to music stores, and movie passes.

If you surpass the 6 book/6 activities point, you will become eligible for a chance at raffle prizes to be given at a *grand finale* at 2 p.m in the Koret Auditorium of the Main Library on Friday, July 24

S.F. Files is sponsored by Teen Services at the S.F Public Library, and by the Friends of the S.F. Public Library. For further information, call 557-4276

Summer Reading Club at S.F. Library

San Francisco Public Library launched its Summer Reading Club for all children through age 13 beginning June 6 and running through Aug. 8 Joining the club is a simple process of registering at any branch library or the Main and logging in time spent reading on your personal record at the branch library of your choice.

This year's theme will be *Reading - What a Trip!* and is offering young readers exciting prizes including books as incentives for reading. Other prizes include bookmarks, stickers, and passes to Giants games, the Academy of Sciences and Planetarium, San Francisco Zoo and the Bay Area Discovery Museum

For this year's program, Giants relief pitcher Rich Rodriguez has volunteered to be an advocate and will do a public reading and talk about baseball in the Fisher Children's Center of the Main Library

"This year we expect more children than ever to participate in our Summer Reading Club," said Barbara VanderBorght, Children Program Specialist. "Our children's librarians are available citywide to assist children in making selections of books that they are interested in."

Studies show that beginning readers lose up to four months of reading skills if they do not continue reading over the summer In addition, literacy rates across the country are on the decline and do not show immediate signs of improving, according to the San Francisco Bay Area Book Council.

As part of the Summer Reading Club, prizes for finishing time increments of reading and special multicultural programs throughout the system all function as incentives for drawing young people into the library over the summer. Last year, approximately 9,500 youth enrolled in the club with just more than 50 percent of the participants completing the program

In addition to the Summer Reading Club, the Library offers youth 10 to 16 years an opportunity to be Kid Power volunteers by assisting younger children in enrolling. Last summer, more than 500 Kid Power volunteers provided 9,000 hours of assistance in the Library system.

S.F. Public Library implemented its first Summer Reading Program more than 50 years ago to encourage children to continue their reading when school was out for the summer.

FIVE YEARS AGO IN THE GRAPEVINE

JUNE 1993

*Proposals were in the works to build a light rail line through the Bayshoré Corridor and reroute the 56-Rutland bus line for two blocks eastbound on Leland Avenue

*Smiling faces were in abundance on a sunny Saturday on May 15 during the ninth annual Arts Festival and Street Fair on Raymond Avenue.

**Ready For Work*, a new teen job preparedness program, got off to a roaring start with many students recruited from Woodrow Wilson High School.

*Residents of Visitacion Valley filled the Board of Supervisors hearing room at City Hall on May 25 for a discussion on neighborhood difficulties

*Presentations in 22 fields were part of a successful Career Day on May 5 at Wilson High School

*Youth who turned their lives around from Geneva Towers and Sunnydale in Visitacion Valley were part of a *Amer-I-Can* graduation program May 14 at Wilson High School

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- Take plastic bags to your local supermarket for recycling.
- Take clean styrofoam peanuts to Mail Boxes Etc for re-use.
- For large generators of plastics, call the San Francisco Recycling Program at 554-3400 for a free listing of companies that accept or provide recycling or reuse services for plastics.

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St. Luke's Hospital Junior Auxilary Reaches $1 Million Donation Mark

Connie Mardikian (L), chairman of St. Luke's Hospital Foundation celebrated with Lisa Stefan, 1997-98 president of St. Luke's Junior Auxiliary.

St. Luke's Hospital Junior Auxiliary reached two benchmarks recently: its 25th anniversary and $1 million in fund-raising. They reached the $1 million mark when they presented a check for $103,000, the largest amount ever raised by the group in a single year

Since the Junior Auxiliary was formed in 1973, all of the money raised has gone to St. Luke's Neighborhood Clinics, which primarily serve underinsured men, women and children. The clinics are the backbone of St Luke's 127-year mission of providing high quality, affordable care to everyone regardless of ability to pay There were approximately 13,000 patient visits to the Neighborhood Clinic last year

The check was presented to Desiree Arretz, M.D., Neighborhood Clinic Medical Director A plaque commemorating the $1 million mark was erected in the lobby during a brief ceremony which followed the group's annual meeting.

"I am very proud and delighted that they have continued to set and reach higher goals for the good of our Neighborhood Clinic," said Connie Mardikian, chairman of the board of the St. Luke's Hospital Foundation and former Junior Auxilian "The Junior Auxiliary gives capable women the opportunity to connect and serve the community in a very positive and far-reaching way."

AMAZING GRACE

"It's pretty amazing when you consider that the money (an average of $40,000 annually since 1973) is raised by just 50 women each year through two primary fund-raising activities," said Lucinda Morlin, St. Luke's volunteer facilitator and Junior Auxiliary liaison. "They are highly motivated and incredibly organized. Everyone contributes. The group is always a step ahead; always looking to the next fund-raising event. As the new officers take over, they won't miss a beat. Planning is already underway for the next fund-raiser."

Established by Susan Rogers Orrick and her niece, Bebe Chickering, the St. Luke's Junior Auxiliary has not wavered from its original focus of fund-raising for the St. Luke's Neighborhood Clinic.

Outgoing President Lisa Stefan of Orinda explained what motivates the group: "We identify with mothers who have young children Unlike the women in our group, however, most of them cannot afford healthcare We know we can deliver a check each April that makes a difference." The annual donations have been especially critical since the United Way in the Bay Area reorganized several years ago and eliminated funding for the clinics.

COMMITMENT AND DEDICATION

"While we enjoy each other's company and the work we do for St Luke's Hospital, we dedicate nearly every minute of our time together toward achieving our fund-raising goals," Mrs. Stefan explained

The 38-year-old mother of two, ages 10 and 7, worked for 10 years in the insurance business before she took on the even busier job of running a family. "I think I'm typical of the women in St. Luke's Junior Auxiliary. We do this because our efforts make a difference, not because we need something else to fill up our day We strongly believe in the mission of St. Luke's Hospital and are dedicated to helping the hospital continue its efforts."

Maternity Educaiton Program Focuses on Pre- and Postnatal Care

The appointment of a new *Chief Cuddler* at St Luke's Hospital on Mother's Day marked the launch of the hospital's Maternity Education Program for 1998-99

Debbie Nocero, the chief Cuddler for the past 10 years and chair of the program, handed over her baby blanket to Teresa Brown. Mrs Brown will assume responsibility for the training and scheduling of 15 Cuddlers who work two-hour shifts each week welcoming newborns during their first few days of life Among other duties, the Cuddlers take a photograph of the 1,100 babies born each year at St Luke's The photos are both a family keepsake and a part of the hospital's strict infant security program.

"Babies are serious business at St. Luke's, so any program change or addition to our Cuddlers Program is not made lightly," explained Lucinda Morlin, the hospital's volunteer facilitator and Cuddler Program liaison. "The program will be in good hands with Teresa." To avoid being inundated by cuddler applicants, Morlin noted that St Luke's corps of cuddlers is sufficient to handle the weekly crop of newborns.

"We step in to help out when a mom has a fussy baby or just isn't up to caring for an infant the first day or two," explained Mrs Nocero. Another St Luke's *extra* for new moms is the hat program that provides a hand-knit cap for every newborn One enthusiastic baby hat maker hunts down a special, extra soft yarn during annual trips to England

In addition to photographing, cuddling and hat making, a series of classes are offered throughout the year to help women prepare for motherhood Maternity Education Program classes include

Childbirth Preparation - Teaches the physical changes of pregnancy, relaxation and breathing techniques. Cesarean births, and the pros and cons of anesthesia during childbirth

Breastfeeding - The benefits of breastfeeding are covered, how the breast makes milk and how to handle and position newborns during breastfeeding

Early Parenting - Well-baby care is the focus with instruction on infant bathing, diaper changing, choosing a pediatrician, taking a baby's temperature, installing car seats and preventing accidents in the home

Maternity Tour - Tours are scheduled regularly for the labor and delivery suites and maternity floor, which will soon include a new intensive care neonatal unit

Additional Maternity Education Program classes scheduled for the near future:

Infant/Child CPR - Parents will be taught special techniques for cardiopulmonary resuscitation on infants and young children.

Support Groups - New postpartum support groups will be formed in the next few months to provide women with a broad range of general support Women will be able to bring their infants to a group with other moms and share information and experiences Groups will be led by nurses, health educators and lactation consultants

"Our breastfeeding center provides support not found in other hospitals," explained Aimee Creelman, R.N., who is an internationally certified lactation consultant "Lactation consulting is a new specialty being accepted into hospitals St Luke's was one of the first to offer this service to inpatients and will soon make it available to outpatients as part of our support group program."

To sign up for classes or get additional information on St Luke's Maternity Education Program, new and expectant mothers can call (415) 626-BABY (2229)

SFUSD Wins Case Over STAR Testing

The State Supreme Court ruled May 22 that the State Department of Education can not force the San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD) to comply with the Statewide Testing and Reporting Program (STAR) in relation to its limited English speaking students.

"This is a great day for the students and teachers of California," said Superintendent of Schools Waldemar Rojas, responding to the news. "It took the judge just two days to understand what the governor and the State Board of Education members refuse to want to understand that it doesn't make sense to administer an English-only test to non-English speaking children."

In denying the State's case against the SFUSD, the district is no longer considered "in violation" of the statewide mandate to test all school children in California regardless of their proficiency in the language SFUSD was the only district in the state to take a stand on moral, ethical and civil rights grounds and refuse to test its limited-English speaking students

Community Working Group Committee Meeting for the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility

Minutes of April 22, 1998

Present: Don Bertone, Little Hollywood resident; Brad Drda, Sanitary Fill Co.; George Carolina, SFFD; Kelley Etherington, San Francisco Solid Waste Management Program; Joan Fanning, Little Hollywood resident; Ron Gibson, Little Hollywood resident; John Legnitto, Sanitary Fill Co.; Richard Lucas, Little Hollywood resident; Maisha Reed, San Francisco Solid Waste Management Program; Karen Strandoo, San Francisco Solid Waste Management Program; Tom Watkins, Sanitary Fill Co.; Adam Young, SFFD.

1. Second Quarterly Report Data
Data from the HHHWCF October-December 1997 was summarized and all agreed that the information contained on the one-page handout is sufficient.

2. Summary of HHWCF
There were no permit modifications this quarter. A question was raised about how often and when one-day events will be held. Three were scheduled this year, one April 19th (150 residents were served). The other two are scheduled for June 28 at Oceanside Treatment Plant and August 16 at a location to be determined.

3. Emergency Response Procedures
Sanitary Fill Company explained that emergency response drills are held on property two times per year, and one drill always involves the HHWCF. Captain Jerry Grey from the San Francisco Fire Department described the worse case scenario that could happen at the HHWCF and how the police and fire departments would respond. Captain Grey shared his other experiences as a San Francisco hazardous materials incident responder since 1973 and answered questions.

Neighborhood Emergency Responder Training Coordinator (NERT) Joan Fanning then explained how the NERT program works and Sanitary Fill Company agreed to host the first NERT training at their offices from Sept. 24-Oct. 29 at 6:30 p.m. NERT training consists of emergency survival skills such as basic first aid, CPR, information on how to turn off utilities and how to recognize if a building is safe to enter. At least 15-20 individuals are needed for the Fire Department to conduct the training.

4. Agenda Items for Next Meeting
1) In response to a request from Don Bertone, SFC agreed to hold a meeting about issues and concern arising out of operations at the transfer station. A date and time for this meeting will be announced.
2) Curbside Used Oil Program.
3) Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility inspection results.
4) Date and time of next meeting.
The next meeting is scheduled for July 22 at 7:30 p.m.

In June, the City will decide the future of the proposed

Third Street Light Rail Line

Please join MUNI at this meeting to give your input!

Tuesday, June 23rd

Public Transportation Commission Hearing
Light Rail Project Decision
(agenda item)
401 Van Ness Avenue
Room 428
5:00 p.m.

For questions about the project call (415) 703-6655

Individuals who will need help with translation and/or accessible services should call MUNI Accessible Services at 415/923-6142 (TDD: 415/923-6366) 72 hours prior to the meeting. The meeting facilities are wheelchair accessible.

Free Small Business Advice at S.F. Library

The San Francisco Puhlic Library now provides professional advice to small business owners and managers through an association with the Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE), a 13,000 member all-volunteer organization sponsored by the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA)

SCORE matches business-hardened and experienced counselors with owners and managers of small businesses that need expert advice without the financial resources to pay for it. These dedicated volunteers possess a wealth of collective experience spanning the full range of enterprise, and willing to share their management and technical expertise with present and prospective owners/managers of small businesses.

Last January, SCORE began offering free one-hour business counseling sessions every Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in a study room of the Business, Science and Technology Center on the fourth floor of the Main Library

Eric Frank, SCORE business counselor for 22 years, helps people with questions and problems in all phases of business planning and operation, such as teaching people how to move a product from the idea stage to the marketplace, helping people with patent and trademark questions, working with questions of international trade, and helping people negotiate the labyrinth of import/export procedures and regulations. He also helps small business owners reorganize to increase efficiencies and to deal with cash/flow problems

To schedule a Library appointment with a SCORE counselor, call 744-6827.

Students Meet Local Business Professionals

Local business people and civil servants gathered at Visitacion Valley Elementary School (VVES) May 22 to meet students while telling them about their professional work and the importance of school. Presenters included authors, physicians, and members of the armed forces and law enforcement.

This diverse group of professionals was called to action by VVES outreach coordinator Rosario Ordonez-Hasis and S.F. School Volunteers coordinator Stephen Kaplan as part of their ongoing work to increase community involvement in public schools.

"It is extremely important for students to see the adults in their community as role models. The neighborhood doctor, dentist and business owner all have an important role to play in the success of children in Visitacion Valley," said Ordonez-Hasis.

"The diversity of career presenters is especially important," added Kaplan. "Students need to see people from their own and other ethnic backgrounds working in a variety of professions, so they know they can succeed in any career they choose."

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Hold Fast to Dreams

Following are poems entitled "Dreams" and composed by students at Visitacion Valley Elementary School

Hold fast to dreams
For if dreams die
Life is a broken-clock
That does not tell time
Hold fast to dreams
For if dreams die
Life is an eye
That cannot see.
by Vera

Hold fast to dreams
For when dreams die
Life is a heart
Without oxygen.
Hold fast to dreams
For when dreams go
Life is a field
With broken glasses.
by Prescilla Ng

Hold fast to dreams
For if dreams die
Life is a unicorn
That cannot fly
Hold fast to dreams
For when dreams go
Life is Hollywood
With no stars
by Nancy

Hold fats to dreams
For if dreams die
Life is a broken car
That cannot be used
Hold fast to dreams
For when dreams go
Life is a school
With no one there.
by Connie Chen

Hold fast to dreams
For if dreams die
Life is a flower
That is without water.
Hold fast to dreams
For when dreams go
Life is a park
Without children
by Anni Zhoo

Graduation Night at Community Center

Students from various neighborhood organizations participated in a gala graduation dinner through the Visitacion Valley Enterprise and Collaborative Program at the Community Center on May 29. Graduates each presented with a certificate included

Girls' After School Program (GASA) 5th grade: Marlika Allen, Cache Calvin, Crystal Jackson, Atolya Loggins, Brooklyn Ogletree, Olivia Saunders, Sharnae Springfield, 8th grade: Victoria Alexander, Maria Stewart, Tatiana Stewart; 12th grade: Juanita White.

VVCC, The Club: 5th grade: Katemola Povoa, Drumon Malone, Aimee Wu; 8th grade: Gregory Sims, Andrea Yeager.

John McLaren Children's Center After School Program: 5th grade: Christine Coffey, Michael Correa, Dominic Dulaney, Crystal Jackson, Kristopher Johnson, Atolya Loggins

Boys and Girls Club 5th grade: Tonya Reyes, Stephen Mills; 8th grade: Malinda Chambers, Tiffany Reed, 12th grade: Herman Travis, Bradley Young.

Herz Playground 5th grade: Shadawn Briler, Camille Green

Village City Kids: 5th grade: Devren James, Julius Mack; 8th grade: Kenny Brown, Corey Dixon, Jerry Harrison, Dustin Knight, Khan Nyugen, Ameln Srokes, Victor Su, Alimin Thren, Kensen Vo.

Both Visitacion Valley Candidates Elected to Democratic Committee

Congratulations are extended to Visitacion Valley residents Marlene Tran and Ann Williams on respective ninth and 12th place finishes in their election to the Democratic Central Committee, 12th District. From a field of 43 candidates, Tran received 8,171 votes while Williams tallied 7,018 votes.

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Cultural Assemblies at Little Vis

Mr. Hunter's 4th graders performed a Tahitian dance.

Mrs. Edwards' 2nd and 3rd graders danced "Bailes de Latino America" to guitar music.

Following its tradition of celebrating neighborhood and student cultural diversity, Visitacion Valley Elementary School (VVES) held two multicultural assemblies in the school auditorium May 8.

The PTA, under the leadership of Mrs. Maria Ramirez (president), Mrs. Rebecca Mayer (vice-president) and Mrs. Paulina Basco (treasurer), also coordinated a fundraising event: an International Food Festival.

Many parents donated home-cooked delicacies while helping with sales and patronizing food booths. Monies raised will help fund field trips for all VVES classes, and awards for model citizenship and academic achievement.

Some private donors have also contributed to a mural in the school yard celebrating diversity, unveiled June 5 following the schools 5th grade promotion ceremony.

VVES Teachers Retire, Students Awarded

Three VVES retirees include (L-R): Florence Hightower, Marilyn Chan and Wendy Yee.

Ana Marie Esplana received her award from Vincent Gagliardo.

by Gerry L. Galvan

Visitacion Valley Elementary School (VVES) said goodbye to three teaching staff members during a recent retirement dinner party at a downtown San Francisco restaurant. They included Marilyn Chan, Florence Hightower and Wendy Yee.

Chan served VVES as Reading Recovery teacher while Hightower boasts a 29-year tenure, the last eight under Principal Vincent Chao. Yee, who came to Visitacion Valley as a school counselor during the early 1980s, began her career in 1963.

This happy but emotional event came on the heels of another noteworthy event May 8 which saw Valley resident Vincent Gagliardo present cash awards each to two VVES students. Gagliardo, who introduced the Cheryl Wendy Hacket Foundation to reach out to *deserving students*, presented $50 each to Ana Marie Esplana for *high academics*, and Christopher Johnson for *most improved citizenship*. Awards took place at VVES during its annual Latino and Pacific Islanders Cultural Festival. VVES closed its school year with an equally impressive program on June 5

The Dawn of a New Day

by Lela Jones

As I look to the future, I want my eyes to behold
A brand new community arise from the old.
Not replacing the people who were already there
But bringing in a change of attitude I know we can share.
They removed our homes leaving us in limbo for awhile
But now we're coming back together with a great big old smile
New walls, new floors, and even new streets to walk down without any shame
They said this would never happen, we even gave it a new name.
Excitement from inside myself, which words could never describe
The residents put together a great plan with all differences set aside.
The dawn of a new day where we can finally enjoy living stable again
I can't wait to embrace all my long lost friends
The dawn of a new day, tell me what do you think of
The sun arising toward the sky, up so high above
Or could it be the vision of the Heritage Homes finally finished and full of love.
For me I say its a combination of the two
The dawn of a new day, the beginning for me and you

New Classes This Fall at City College

Seven new credit courses are being introduced in the Fall 1998 semester at City College of San Francisco (CCSF), another is being offered in a new location and another will now be televised. This is all in addition to two new certificate programs.

They are part of the nearly 5,000 credit and non-credit courses beginning Aug. 19 at City College's 10 campuses and more than 100 neighborhood sites throughout San Francisco. Starting this Fall semester, tuition is $12 per unit for credit courses, plus a health fee ($11) for all California residents, including those with bachelor's or higher degrees.

New students who would like to start at City College of San Francisco this fall should apply for admission now. Telephone registration for new students begins July 27 and continues through Aug. 11. To register in-person stop by Aug. 5 through 11 in the Office of Admissions and Records, Conlan Hall, Room 107, 50 Phelan Ave.

Copies of the Fall 1998 Schedule of Classes can be obtained at all campuses of City College of San Francisco, and cost 25 cents. Full details are also available free on-line at the CCSF web site: http://www.ccsf.cc.ca.us

For further information, telephone the CCSF Office of Admissions and Records at (415) 239-3285.

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May 16, 1998 - Last Stand for Geneva Towers

In less than 30 seconds, more than 30 years of the twin 20-story Geneva Towers collapsed during a spectacular implosion, the first in San Francisco, as crowds of spectators watched a huge cloud of concrete dust rise from the site and then dissipate to reveal twisted remains. Photos by Ralph Oroquita.

Visitacion Valley Celebrates Its First Neighborhood Day

In the waning hours of the soon to be imploded Geneva Towers, local residents got together May 16 at the Elementary School to celebrate Visitacion Valley's first *Neighborhood Day* with entertainment, food and fun.

Athletic events were also held adjacent to the school at Visitacion Valley Playground.

Besides an array of barbecued delights, a limited edition T-shirt was offered to commemorate what will become an annual neighborhood tradition.

Performers on an outdoor stage included: The Naughty Girls, featuring Darusha Carter, Tamelca Bell and Naima Hall; 2 Players featuring Evans Lowery and Arthur Stern; Jeannie on Stage, and Louamafel Thomas (listing courtesy of Vao Tagaloa). Meanwhile, on a stage in the school's auditorium, celebrants listened to traditional Asian music performed by a group of friends.

An audience listened as The Naughty Girls performed on an outdoor stage May 16 during Visitacion Valley's Neighborhood Day.

The Great America

Following is an essay which was awarded "Best of the School" at Visitacion Valley Elementary School (VVES) in May when entered in the "Why I'm Glad America Is a Nation of Immigrants" contest of the American Immigration Lawyer's Association.

by Susan Chan, Age 10
Fifth Grade, VVES

America is a great nation because it holds so many opportunities for so many people and my parents are part of that group. America gives everyone from other countries a chance for freedom so that they can be part of America, a better place. A lot of people from around the world come to America with their family members and become citizens.

For example, my mom and dad immigrated from China to the United States fifteen years ago. They lived in a very poor village and they started doing chores when they were very young. They didn't go to school very much because they were so poor that they had to work. They didn't get an education until they came to America.

I think this is a great nation because there is freedom and great opportunities in this country. But I didn't like it when some people tried to take away the benefits of those who were not citizens because of Proposition 187. Immigrants will miss their chance at getting a good education. In America, people can express themselves in many different ways. They can help others by reaching out to them and sharing.

Immigrants made America possible because if there were no immigrants, America would probably have never existed. A lot of immigrants invented many creations for our country. Immigrants name a lot of different places in America after themselves and others. They shared their culture and religion. They wrote books to pass on this information. They welcomed all people into their homes to share their culture and religion. I hope things won't change for now.

Match quotes to speakers.

1. "Good fences make good neighbors."
2. "When producers want to know what the public wants, they graph it as curves. When they want to tell the public what to get, they say it in curves."
3. "Truth never damages a cause that is just."
4. "No matter how calmly you try to referee, parenting will eventually produce bizarre behavior, and I'm not talking about the kids. *Their* behavior is always normal."
5. "Instead of giving a politician the keys to a city, it might be better to change the locks."
6. "An advertising agency is 85 percent confusion and 15 percent commission."
7. "Popularity? It's glory's small change."
8. "In Europe an actor is an artist. In Hollywood, if he isn't working, he's a bum."
9. "Nothing strengthens authority so much as silence."

A. Anthony Quinn
B. Doug Larson
C. Victor Hugo
D. Charles de Gaulle
E. Fred Allen
F. Robert Frost
G. Marshall McLuhan
H. Bill Cosby
I. Mohandas K. Gandhi

Answers: 1-F, 2-G, 3-I, 4-H, 5-B, 6-E, 7-C, 8-A, 9-D.

This Month in S.F. History

JUNE

1 In 1850, the San Francisco Herald, started by Foy, Nugent & Co became the City's second successful daily newspaper, entering the competition with the already established Alta California In 1851, San Francisco's first organized transit service was established with horse-drawn omnibusses operating from the California Exchange to Mission Dolores In 1878, American Speaking Telephone Company issued the City's first telephone hooks

2 In 1873, construction commenced on Nob Hill for the Clay St Railroad, the world's first cable railroad

3 In 1913, Mayor James Rolph operated the last horse-drawn streetcar up Market St from the Ferry Building to 8th St In 1983, cable car service was restored after a 20-month shutdown for reconstruction

4 In 1932, Sigmund Stern Grove, adjacent to the City's Parkside district, was officially dedicated

5 In 1875, the Pacific Stock Exchange first opened

7 In 1860, contractors began laying the first streetcar tracks on Market St

14 In 1850, a defective chimney at the Sacramento Bakery started an 8 a m fire which burned out of control and caused $5 million in damages

15 In 1857, San Francisco Water Works, the City's first water company, was established

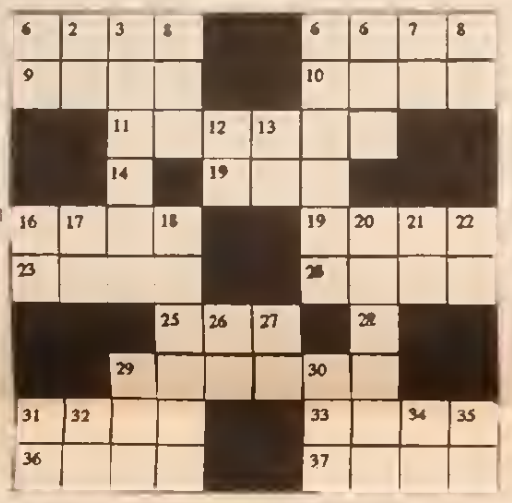
22 In 1851, another fire started at 11 a m in a residence at Pacific Ave and Powell St, causing $3 million in damages

23 In 1923, Lt Russell Maughan landed his plane at Crissy Field in the Presidio, completing the nation's first continental dawn-to-dusk flight

26 In 1945, the two month-long United Nations Conference at the City's Civic Center came to an end

29 In 1776, a mass celebrating the feast of Sts Peter and Paul was said by Father Francisco Palou on the site of the future Mission Dolores Father Palou traveled up the peninsula with a large group of settlers and was awaiting the Spanish supply ship San Carlos, traveling northward with provisions for the newly designated Presidio

Grapevine Crossword



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1. Liquidate
5. Stable
9. Molecule
10. Hardy
11. Vegetable
14. Special ___
15. Apron
16. Zone
19. Land
23. Hamper
24. Hog
25. Possess
28. Left(ab)
29. Keg
31. Stink
33. Pair
36. Street
37. Mountains

DOWN
1. Massachusetts
2. Eastern Time
3. Hutch
4. Trademark Approval
5. Tree
6. Insect
7. Road
8. Big Apple
12. Rubidium
13. Rhode Island
16. Current
18. Onto
20. Shackle
21. Radium
22. Emergency Room
26. Wide Receiver
27. Near(ab)
29. Snake
30. Rhea
31. Either
32. Act
34. Tantalum
35. Elevation

Recipe of the Month

APPLE JUICE ROAST

4 pounds boneless beef chunk roast; 2 medium onions, sliced; 2 tbsp. butter or shortening; 1 cup apple juice; 1 tbsp. catsup; 1 tsp. salt; 1/4 tsp. pepper; 1/4 tsp. thyme leaves; 1/4 tsp. prepared mustard; 1/8 tsp. basil leaves; 3 large sweet potatoes, pared and cut into pieces; lemon juice; chopped parsley (or apple rings and parsley, gravy.

Cook onions in one tablespoon butter or shortening in Dutch oven until tender-crisp; set aside. Brown roast in remaining butter or shortening in Dutch oven over medium heat 15 to 20 minutes or until browned on both sides. Pierce entire surface of meat with fork. Combine apple juice, catsup, salt, pepper, thyme, mustard and basil; add to meat. Top meat with reserved cooked onions; cover and cook slowly 2 1/2 hours or until almost tender.

Brush sweet potatoes with lemon juice for bright color; add to meat.

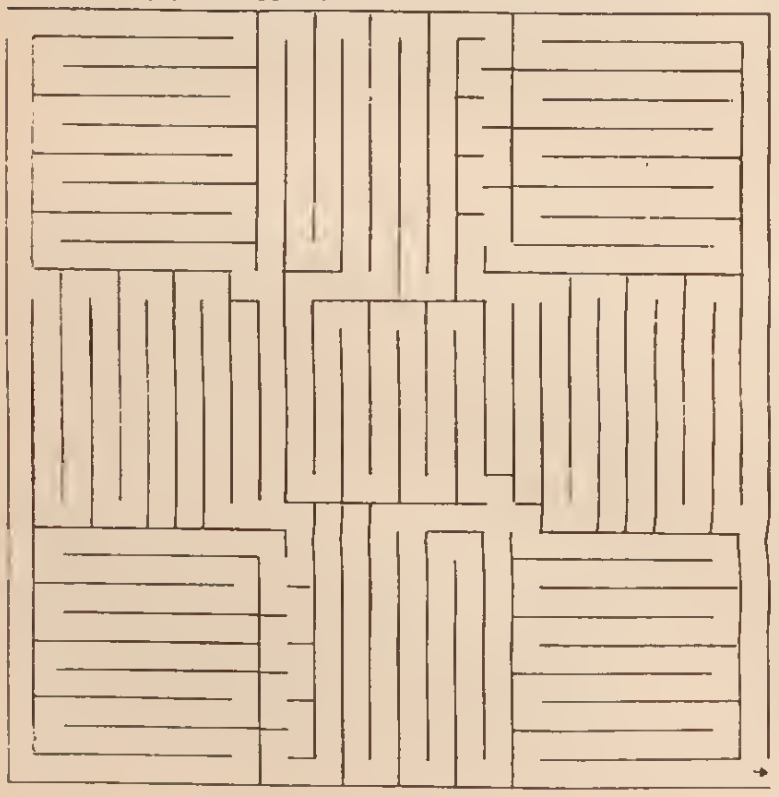
Continue cooking, covered, 30 to 40 minutes or until meat and potatoes are tender. Place meat and potatoes on warm platter. Sprinkle potatoes with chopped parsley or garnish with apple rings and parsley, if desired.

Serve gravy over sliced meat.

Note: After apple juice mixture is added to browned meat, it may be marinated in the refrigerator until 3 to 4 hours before serving time; turn meat several times. If Dutch oven is cast iron, transfer to a glass dish.

Gravy: Skim excess fat from cooking liquid; add water if needed to make 1-1/2 cups. Mix 1/2 cup water and 2 tablespoons unbleached flower; stir gradually into cooking liquid. Heat to boiling; cook, stirring 3 to 5 minutes. Season with salt and pepper, if desired. Gravy may be served in large apple that has been scooped out, if desired. Serves 6.

Minute Maze



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Match clues to answers.

1966

1. On Feb. 14, they started using dollars and cents.
2. *Best Actor in a Series* at the Emmy Awards on May 22.
3. First giggle heard from this silly pile of goo.
4. These movers and shakers started appearing in cages.
5. This bear's first animated feature
6. On Sept. 12, they were "...Walking down the street."
7. On Jan. 12, first *Pow! Zap! Bam!* of an episode.
8. World Series winners for the first time.
9. They ruled the NFL.
10. "Take it off. Take it *all* off."
11. Champs of the NBA.
12. They were singing of the *Sounds of Silence*.
13. *Best Picture* at the Academy Awards on Apr. 18.
14. On Sept. 8, "Space, the final frontier."
15. On Sept. 17, first appearance of the tape recorder.
16. Top-selling mass market paperback of the year.
17. On Nov. 11, final mission of this project.
18. They were singing about *Good Vibrations*.

A. Star Trek
B. Simon & Garfunkel
C. The Monkees
D. Pillsbury Doughboy
E. The Hobbit
F. Go-go dancers
G. Beach Boys
H. Australians
I. Mission Impossible
J. The Sound of Music
K. Gemini
L. Noxema
M. Green Bay Packers
N. Bill Cosby
O. Winnie the Pooh
P. Batman
Q. Boston Celtics
R. Baltimore Orioles

Answers: 1-H, 2-N, 3-D, 4-F, 5-O, 6-C, 7-P, 8-R, 9-M, 10-L, 11-Q, 12-B, 13-J, 14-A, 15-I, 16-E, 17-K, 18-G.

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Famous Birthdays

JUNE

1 Pat Boone (1934), Morgan Freeman (1937), Judy Garland (1922), Andy Griffith (1926), Lisa Hartman (1956), Sessue Hayakawa (1886), Hattie McDaniel (1895), Marilyn Monroe (1926), Robert Newton (1905), Lorna Patterson (1957), Brigham Young (1801)

2 Chuck Barris (1929), Dianne Canova (1953), Olympia Dukakis (1931), Charles Haid (1944), Thomas Hardy (1840), Hedda Hopper (1890), Sally Kellerman (1936), Stacy Keach (1941), Barry Levinson (1932), Lex Luger (1958), Jerry Mathers (1948), Audie Murphy (1924), Milo O'Shea (1926), Mike Todd (1907), Charlie Watts (1941), Johnny Weissmuller (1904)

3 Josephine Baker (1906), Ellen Corby (1913), Tony Curtis (1925), Jefferson Davis (1808), Colleen Dewhurst (1926), Alan Edwards (1900), Allen Ginsberg (1921), Paulette Goddard (1911), Leo Gorcey (1915), Ian Hunter (1946), Curtis Mayfield (1942), Dorothy Stone (1905), Michael Whalen (1902)

4 Gene Barry (1922), John Barrymore, Jr (1932), Bruce Dern (1936), Robert Merrill (1919), Michelle Phillips (1944), Rosalind Russell (1911), Parker Stevenson (1952), Eddie Velez (1958), Dennis Weaver (1924), Dr Ruth Westheimer (1928)

5 Laune Anderson (1947), William Boyd (1898), Katherine Helmund (1933), Kenny G (1956), Robert Lansing (1928), Marky Mark (1971), Bill Moyers (1934), Socrates (470 BC)

6 Sandra Bernhard (1955), Gary "U.S." Bonds (1939), Bjorn Borg (1956), Dana Carvey (1955), David Dukes (1945), Robert Englund (1948), Nathan Hale (1755), Amanda Pays (1959)

7 Rocky Graziano (1922), Vince Edwards (1928), Tom Jones (1940), Muhammad Ali (570), Liam Neeson (1953), Ken Osmond (1943), Prince (1958), Jessica Tandy (1909)

8 Barbara Bush (1925), James Darren (1936), Don Grady (1944), George Kirby (1923), Robert Preston (1918), Joan Rivers (1933), Boz Scaggs (1944), Jerry Stiller (1929), Frank Lloyd Wright (1869), Keenen Ivory Wayans (1958)

9 Johnny Ace (1929), Bob Cummings (1910), Johnny Depp (1963), Nelson Eddy (1901), Michael J Fox (1961), Jon Lord (1941), Jackie Mason (1934), Cole Porter (1893), Dick Vitale (1940)

10 P Lee Bailey (1933), Saul Bellow (1915), Judy Garland (1922), Prince Phillip (1921)

11 Adrienne Barbeau (1945), Chad Everett (1936), Vince Lombardi (1913), Joe Montana (1956), Richard Strauss (1864), Richard Todd (1919), Gene Wilder (1935)

12 Marv Albert (1943), Irwin Allen (1916), Samuel Arkoff (1918), George Bush (1924), Timothy Busfield (1957), Chic Corea (1941), Vic Damone (1928), Russell Hayden (1912), Priscilla Lane (1917), Jim Nabors (1932)

13 Tim Allen (1953), Chasto (1935), Ralph Edwards (1913), Bobby Freeman (1940), Ben Johnson (1918), Paul Lynde (1926), Basil Rathbone (1892), Ally Sheedy (1962), Richard Thomas (1951)

14 Jack Bannon (1940), Gene Barry (1919), Marla Gibbs (1946), Boy George (1961), Burl Ives (1909), Gil Lamb (1906), Dorothy McGuire (1919), Pierre Salinger (1925), Harriet Beecher Stowe (1911), Donald Trump (1946)

15 Dusty Baker (1949), Ethel Barrymore (1879), Jim Belushi (1954), Mario Cuomo (1932), Julie Hagerty (1955), Neil Patrick Harris (1973), Noddy Holder (1950), Helen Hunt (1963), Waylon Jennings (1937), Harry Langdon (1884), Jim Varney (1949)

16 Jack Albertson (1910), Crash Craddock (1940), Roberto Duran (1951), Katharine Graham (1917), Stan Laurel (1890), Joan Van Ark (1943)

17 Ralph Bellamy (1904), John Hersey (1917), Peter Lupus (1937), Barry Manilow (1946), Dean Martin (1917), Grant Mitchell (1875), Joe Piscopo (1951), Igor Stravinsky (1882)

18 Sammy Cahn (1913), Ian Carmichael (1920), Bud Collyer (1908), Roger Ebert (1942), Keye Luke (1904), E G Marshall (1910), Paul McCartney (1942), Isabella Rossellini (1952)

19 Paula Abdul (1962), Pat Buttram (1917), Lou Gehrig (1903), Moe Howard (1897), Louis Jourdan (1920), Guy Lombardo (1902), Mildred Natwick (1908), Kathleen Turner (1954)

20 Danny Aiello (1933), Chet Atkins (1924), Olympia Dukakis (1931), Errol Flynn (1909), John Goodman (1953), Martin Landau (1934), Cyndi Lauper (1953), Anne Murray (1945), Lionel Richie (1950), Brian Wilson (1942)

21 Mendeth Baxter (1947), Ray Davies (1944), Ron Ely (1938), Michael Gross (1947), Judy Holliday (1921), Bernie Kopell (1933), Nils Lofgren (1951), Jane Russell (1921), Maureen Stapleton (1925)

22 Peter Asher (1944), Bill Blass (1922), Ed Bradley (1941), Dianne Feinstein (1933), Kris Kristofferson (1936), Mary Livingston (1908), Freddie Prinze (1954), Todd Rundgren (1948), Meryl Streep (1949), Lindsay Wagner (1949), Ralph Waite (1929), Billy Wilder (1906)

23 June Carter Cash (1929), James Levine (1940), Wilma Rudolph (1940)

24 Nancy Allen (1949), Jeff Beck (1944), Jack Carter (1923), Billy Casper (1931), Jack Dempsey (1895), Phyllis George (1949), Michelle Lee (1942), Al Molinaro (1919)

25 June Lockhart (1925), George Michael (1963), Walter Payton (1954), Carly Simon (1945), Jimmie Walker (1948)

26 Pearl Buck (1892), Chris Isaak (1956), Peter Lorre (1904), George Michael (1963), Elanor Parker (1922)

27 Bruce Babbitt (1938), Julia Duffy (1951), Helen Keller (1880), Bob "Captain Kangaroo" Keeshan (1927), H Ross Perot (1930)

28 Kathy Bates (1948), Mel Brooks (1926), John Cusack (1966), Bruce Davison (1946), Lester Flatt (1914), Mary Stuart Masterson (1966), Polly Moran (1883), Pat Monta (1932), Gilda Radner (1946), Lorenzo Tucker (1907)

29 Gary Busey (1944), Joan Davis (1907), Elizabeth Dole (1936), Robert Evans (1930), Richard Lewis (1947), Slim Pickens (1919), Ruth Warrick (1915)

30 Lena Horne (1918), Tony Musante (1936), Buddy Rich (1917), Mike Tyson (1966)

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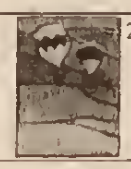
21 Happy Father's Day!	22 11:30a Senior Shopping	23 12:30p Senior Bingo 9:30a 4p Senior Ceramics 4p VVCC Board Meeting	24 10:30a Senior Crafts	25 9a 3p Sewing Class 12noon Surplus Food Dist	26 	27 10:30a Visitacion Valley Task Force Meeting at 50 Raymond Ave
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Task Force Meeting
June 27, 10:30 a.m.
VVCC, 50 Raymond

Bike Racks Installed Under New Program

The Department of Parking and Traffic awarded the S.F. Conservation Corps a new contract to install bicycle racks on City sidewalks, with the first rack installed at Opera Plaza May 19 in celebration of *Bike to Work Day*.

"We are thrilled that the Conservation Corps, a nonprofit job and training education organization serving young people ages 12-24, will now be responsible for the installation and maintenance of bicycle racks," said Supervisor Leslie Katz, who sponsored the legislation. "This affords a wonderful opportunity to have our youth perform a special service to the City--enhancing bike transit."

Conservation Corps participants develop their job skills, academic and leadership abilities, and environmental awareness while serving the diverse communities of San Francisco.

"The new contract creates a productive partnership between DPT and the Conservation Corps to help ease the backlog of over 200 bicycle rack installation requests," explained Adam Gubser, assistant bicycle program manager for DPT

S.F. Recycling Resource Now Open Daily

Recycling Resource's San Francisco warehouse is now open seven days a week. Located at 3600 Third Street (at Evans Avenue), Recycling Resource accepts a variety of materials including California Redemption Value beverage containers (aluminum, glass, PET plastic, and bi-metal cans); nonferrous scrap metals (copper, aluminum, radiators, stainless steel, etc.); and paper products (cardboard, newspaper, office paper, etc.)

Recycling Resource is a service provider first and a recycling company second by consistently offering clean facilities, knowledgeable employees and timely service at 28 convenient locations. Educational presentations and warehouse tours are also offered to local schools.

For more information regarding materials purchased, hours of operation, or directions to the facility, call the 24-hour information hotline at (800) 404-RECYCLE.

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PROGRAM DIRECTOR: The Beacon Director will provide overall direction and management for the Visitacion Valley Community Beacon (VVCB) programs and administration. VVCB, located at Visitacion Valley Middle School, offers a broad range of opportunities, services and support for the youth, families and residents of Visitacion Valley after school, evenings, weekends and during the summer. The services of the VVCB build on and connect with existing services and activities offered throughout the community. VVCB activities include arts, sports/recreation, tutoring, job training and referrals, social, health, ESL and other cross-cultural programs. Applications now being accepted. Open until filled. To apply, send resume and cover letter to: Beacon Director Search Committee, c/o VVCC, 50 Raymond Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94134.

More ESL Classes Continue in June

Summer school is being offered at Visitacion Valley Community Center, 50 and 66 Raymond Ave from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m through June 26 for eight hours a week. Barbara Kastner will coordinate summer school programs at both Downtown and Southeast (Visitacion Valley) campus sites.

More Evidence That Caffeine Poses No Fertility Concerns

A study published in the February 1998 issue of the *American Journal of Public Health* reported the differences in fertility associated with consumption of various caffeinated beverages. This study was prompted by an inconsistency in previously reported findings on this subject.

The researchers from the Division of Research, Kaiser Permanente Medical Care Program, Northern California, followed 20 women trying to conceive for one year or until they became pregnant. They did not find a significant association between total caffeine intake and reduced fertility. In fact, they concluded tea may actually increase fertility.

According to the study, "Drinking one-half cup or more of tea daily approximately doubled the odds of conception per cycle." As with most research, this study prompted new questions that require further investigation.

CHILDHOOD OBESITY: A CONTINUED CHALLENGE

Obesity in children is on the rise and may lead to a generation of adults with increased risk of chronic disease ills. The March issue of *Pediatrics* included a supplement entitled "The Causes and Health Consequences of Obesity in Children and Adolescents," sponsored by the International Life Science Institute. This supplement included eight articles from leading experts who reviewed the current science regarding childhood obesity as well as potential treatment and prevention initiatives.

According to the latest data, 25 percent of America's children are obese or at risk of becoming obese. Not only are overweight and obese children more likely to face stigmatization from others, serious health consequences such as hypertension, diabetes and heart disease can result.

The reasons for increased obesity are multifactorial, but include decreased physical activity in conjunction with stable total calorie intake. More research is needed to better understand the barriers and issues surrounding obesity and the most effective prevention measures.

ENCOURAGING NEWS ON THE CANCER FRONT

After 20 years of increasing cancer rates, new government data show cancer incidence and death rates decreased between 1990 and 1995. This finding was reported in the March 15, 1998 issue of *Cancer*, as part of the American Cancer Society's, National Cancer Institute's (NCI) and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's "Cancer Incidence and Mortality, 1973-1995. A Report Card for the United States.

From 1973 to 1990, the incidence rate of new cases of all cancers increased 1.2 percent per year. Beginning in 1990 through 1995, the rates declined an average of 0.7 percent per year, with the greatest decrease occurring after 1992.

"These numbers are the best proof that we're on the right track," said Richard Klausner, M.D., director, NCI. "However, it is not a time for complacency. This is a time to rededicate and redouble our efforts."

According to the report, healthier lifestyles, including changes of diet, increased physical activity and decreased smoking rates, were key components of the decline in cancer rates. To help reduce cancer risk, leading health authorities suggest boosting the number of fruits, vegetables and grain-based foods consumed as well as increasing physical activity.

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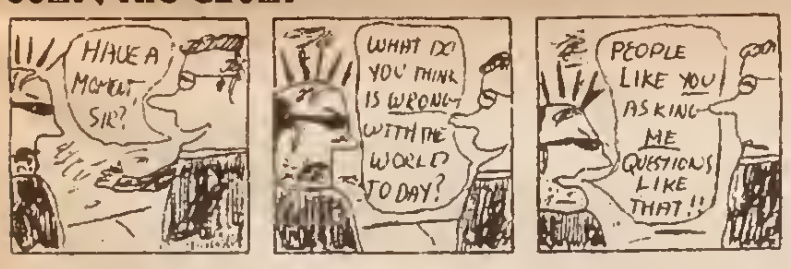

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EARLY YEARS ACADEMY, 500 Raymond Ave., 333-1450
E-Z STOP MARKET, 2203 Geneva Ave., 585-9240
FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER, 251 Schwerin St., 469-2120
FIJIYANA MARKET, 400 Wilde St., 467-2034
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KWDK HONG CHINESE HERBS, 57 Leland Ave., 585-8751
LELAND AVENUE ORY CLEANING, 151 Leland Ave., 586-1412
LELANO HOUSE, 141 Leland Ave., 405-2000
LELAND LAUNORYWORLD, 44 Leland Ave
LITTLE QUIAPO BAKE SHOP, 169 Leland Ave., 239-2253
LITTLE VILLAGE MARKET, 1450 Sunnydale Ave., 586-1815
LUAN FAT BAKERY, 110 Leland Ave., 585-1167
MAY MAY BEAUTY SALON, 60 Leland Ave., 337-9381
M & M SHORTSTOP (grocery), 2145 Geneva Ave., 585-0878
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SILVESTRI GARDEN ORNAMENTS, 2635 Bayshore Blvd., 239-5990
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TATE ELECTRIC (Joel Tate, electrical contractor), 467-4657
TEDDY'S MARKET, 298 Teddy Ave
360 OEGREES MARTIAL ARTS, 2416 San Bruno Ave, 585-6081
3-N-1 LEARNING ACADEMY, 240 Leland Ave., 584-8555
THRIFTLOOGE, 2011 Bayshore Blvd., 467-8811
TUNTEX U.S.A (developer), 150 Executive Park Blvd., 468-6676
TWO JACK'S RESTAURANT (seafood and burgers), 167 Leland Ave., 337-0433
VALLEY AUTO & TRUCK SUPPLY (Bill Conte), 2520 Bayshore Blvd., 239-5880
VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH, 305 Raymond Ave., 467-6055
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Plastics Recycling: What's the Real Story?

by David Assmann, Senior Administrator San Francisco Recycling Program

"My plastic container has a recycling arrow on the bottom, so why won't the recycling collectors accept it?" This is one of the questions the San Francisco Recycling Program gets asked frequently. To answer this question, we need to look at how plastics are made and how they are recycled.

Plastic products are made from plastic resins, which are derived from petroleum in a chemical process. Plastic products have many uses in today's society, including some considered indispensable. However, there is a down side to plastic. One-third of all plastic is used for items with a lifespan of less than one year. We now use more than 1 billion barrels of oil a year just to make plastics. The largest single use for plastic is for packaging, with a significant percentage being used for "convenience" packaging. In fact, we now spend more for packaging our food than farmers receive in net income.

Although considered by many to be a safe, non-toxic product, hundreds of thousands of sea birds and mammals are killed by improperly disposed of plastic every year. In addition, five of the top six chemicals whose production generates the most hazardous waste are commonly used by the plastics industry.

Today there are about 200 different types of plastics, but most consumer products made from plastic fall have been consolidated into one of 6 different categories. The first six categories, #1 - Polyetbylene Terephthalate (PET), #2 - High Density (HDPE), #3 - Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC), #4 - Low Density Polyethylene (LDPE), #5 - Polypropylene (PP) and #6 - Polystyrene (PS), are all manufactured using different processes and cannot easily he mixed together and recycled. So, for example, if one #3 shampoo bottle is included with a load of #1 soda bottles, it could contaminate the whole load and make it unrecyclable.

The Society for the Plastics Industry came up with a labeling system for plastics a number of years ago. This system, which uses numbers from 1 to 7 (7 is for plastics not falling into the first 6 categories) surrounded by recycling arrows, was designed to identify the different types of plastic resins so that they could be more easily recycled when recycling systems came into place.

However, even though most plastics are technically recyclable, the recycling infrastructure for plastics is in its infancy. Less than 5 percent of the 40 billion pounds of plastic produced every year are actually recycled. And although plastics made up a minute percentage of the waste stream in 1960, plastics are now the fastest growing sector of the waste stream. Plastics now take up more than 25 percent of the volume of material sent to landfills every year, and this will escalate to one-tbird of all discards within fifteen years, according to Environmental Protection Agency estimates.

As a result of this low recycling rate, and lack of recycling facilities for plastic, environmentalists and recyclers have been pressuring the plastics industry to change their recycling symbols, arguing that the symbols mislead the public into believing tbat plastics are easily recyclable.

The plastics industry, while financing extensive advertising campaigns promoting recycling, has lobbied successfully to undermine recycled content requirements for plastic packaging. At the same time, plastic recycling rates are dropping. For example, tbe national recycling rate for PET soda bottles dropped from 45 percent in 1994 to 34 percent in 1996. In California, the recycling rate for plastic soda bottles dropped from 70 percent in 1995 to 59 percent in 1996.

How does that relate to what's recyclable in San Francisco? Well, fortunately, there are options for recycling some types of plastics. The best markets for plastic resins are for #1 and #2 bottles. That's why we can accept #1 & #2 bottles citywide (the volume of plastics collected in the past year has increased by 50 percent!). However, since there's not a well established market for tbe other plastic resins (four of the six resins bave a recycling rate of less than 1 percent), we currently can't accept any other kinds of plastic.

If market conditions improve, the curbside and apartment recycling programs will be able to accept other kinds of plastics. But until that bappens, if you have the choice between a nonrecyclable plastic and an alternative recyclable material (like glass), choose the recyclable material. If there is no alternative to a product packaged in nonrecyclable plastic, and the manufacturer bas an 800 number listed on tbe product, call and express your preference for a recyclable container.

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